

NOTIFICATION OF CLOSED BUSINESS FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION BY AN EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING BODY

The required 28 days notice relating to a decision likely to be considered in closed session has not been given on the forward plan in respect of the decision detailed in this document. The matter is considered to be urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for a further 28 days to enable the required notice to be given. Details of the issue are set out below.

Note: This notice applies to meetings of the cabinet, cabinet committee or community councils considering an executive function.

DECISION MAKER

Name of decision maker: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 22 July 2014

LEAD OFFICER DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered:

Proposal to Lease Northcott House Hostel

That cabinet agree for officers to make an offer to lease a hostel from Central & Cecil Housing Association, with a land value of over £100,000, for a term of 4 years for use as 'step down' accommodation for vulnerable adults, now deemed able to live independently, pending their move into either a social or private rented tenancy.

- *Why the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred i.e. Why it cannot wait a further 28 days or more to enable the required notice to be given?*

The next meeting of the Cabinet is not scheduled to meet until September 2014. The decision cannot wait until then because of the urgent need to lease the hostel by September 2014 and move clients from expensive bed and breakfast accommodation.

- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?*

A delay would cost the council £167,000 to keep clients in bed and breakfast in September 2014.

- *How long has the department known the decision required a closed report?*

The decision was listed on the forward plan for a chief officer decision in June 2014. An evaluation subsequent to the publication of the forward plan identified that the

decision needs to be taken by cabinet.

- *If scheduled on the forward plan, what's changed to make this request necessary i.e. why a closed report is now necessary?*

The decision was on the forward plan for officer decision June 2014 and a subsequent evaluation identified that the decision should be taken by cabinet. The closed report contains confidential financial information.

Everton Roberts
For Proper Constitutional Officer
Dated: 14 July 2014